



NEWSLETTER NO. 5 JULY 2021

Up-coming events

There being no scheduled BHS talk for August this Newsletter contains a piece that indicates how Bradwell was viewed in 1857.

From White's Directory of Derbyshire 1857

BRADWELL is a large ancient irregular built village and township, in a sheltered situation, nearly surrounded with lofty hills, 4 miles N.N.E. from Tideswell, 10 miles N.N.W. from Bakewell, 4 miles S.W. from Hathersage, contains 2270 acres of land, and in 1851 had 306 houses and 1334 inhabitants, of whom 650 were males and 684 females; rateable value £1,925. It is in the manor of Castleton. Col. Leslie owns nearly one half of the township. There are also about 140 small freeholders. The land is considered good for grazing purposes, and Bradwell hills are noted for their rich herbage, peculiarly adopted for young horses, great numbers of which are sent from various parts of the country. Mining operations are the chief employment of the inhabitants, and veins of lead ore, running from east to west, are worked to a distance of three miles from the village. There are three cupolas for smelting lead ore, two of which are at present standing, the other is worked by the Brightside Mining Company. Mr. Thos. Burgoyne has large works here for smelting slag. Hats have been made for a considerable period in the village. The Pindale Limeworks are situated 1 mile S. from Hope. The lime is considered to be the best in the county for agricultural purposes; Mr. N. W. Ashton, proprietor. The tithe was commuted in 1844 for £103. The Wesleyan Methodists have a neat chapel here, erected in 1807, and a Sunday school in 1844, at a cost of £200, raised by subscription. The Primitive Methodists have a large stone chapel, erected in 1845, at a cost of £700, and they now use a chapel, which formerly belonged to the Baptists, as a Sunday school. The Unitarian chapel was rebuilt in 1754. Bradwell Sunday school was erected by general subscription in 1826, at a cost of £300, in which a day school is also kept. A school was built in 1825 by John Birley, Esq., and endowed by Elias Marshall with £3 per annum, for which five children are taught free. Bradwell Dale is a romantic chasm of high rocks and precipitous cliffs, which extend to Hazlebadge. Near Eden Tree, or Bath Tavern, are two saline springs, the property of Mr. Middleton, the use of which has been found very efficacious in many instances; they are only a few degrees of lower temperature than the Buxton or Matlock waters. This place is noted for its crystalized or Bagshaw cavern, which was discovered about 1807, and extends in a succession of rocky fissures and chasms for nearly half a mile. The cavern is entered by a descent of 126 rough-hewn steps, which lead to the first landing; from this place the caverns are approached by low narrow passages, but, having surmounted these difficulties, scenes of unparalleled beauty and splendour succeed. The different recesses, from their singular beauty, are dignified with appropriate names, as the Grotto of Calypso, the Grotto of Paradise, the Music Chamber, Constellation Grotto, Hall of State, &c., &c. On entering this

cavern, the convenient covering of the miners is necessary, and in visiting it the lover of nature cannot be disappointed, it is so rich in stalactitic matter. Mr. Michah Hall is the guide.

CHARITIES.—Elias Marshall, in 1765, gave a piece of land beneath the Long Meadow Causeway, containing half an acre; another parcel of enclosed land in the town furlong, with a barnstead at the east end, containing half an acre, all in Bradwell, upon trust, out of the rents to cause five of the poorest children in Bradwell to read. The property now consists of a close called the Molly Pingle, containing 2R. 34P., and an allotment set out at the enclosure of 1R. 22P., in the Butts, let for £3 per annum; another small allotment, too trifling to enclose was sold for £5. The rent is received by one of the trustees, and paid to a schoolmistress, who keeps a school in a room built by Mr. Birley, for that purpose; she instructs five children in reading.

Thomas Hallam, by will, 1729, gave, to the poor of Bradwell half an acre of land in a place called the Moor Hall, for ever, the rents thereof to be distributed to poor widows and fatherless children on St. Thomas's day. George Barnsley, who for many years occupied this land at the rent of 12s. 6d., sold it about the year 1806 as his own property, subject to the above rent for the poor. About 1811, an allotment of seven perches on Bradwell Edge was awarded in respect of it, the whole of which is now let for £2 17s. per annum. It seems evident that George Barnsley had no title to the premises, and that the charity is entitled to the land, with the allotment set out in respect of it. The present owner pays 12s. 6d. to the overseer, who distributes it on St. Thomas's day.

Thomas Middleton, by will, 1729, left to the poor of Bradwell the sum of 5s., to be paid every St. Thomas's day. There is also another rent charge mentioned in the returns of 1786, of 5s., given by Thomas Middleton, weaver.. The yearly sum of 10s., is now paid by Thomas Middleton, in respect of the Bank Closes which is distributed as directed.

Mary Hall, by will, 1762, bequeathed to poor widows and fatherless children of Bradwell 15s. yearly, to be paid on St. Thomas's day by her executor, George Barnsley, chargeable on a piece of land called the Moor Law. By an agreement with the overseers, dated 16th December, 1799, the said George Barnsley gave to the poor of Bradwell two cottage houses on Bradwell hills, each of them let at the rent of 18s. a year, on the payment of £5 to the said George Barnsley, and 15s. yearly on St. Thomas's day. The overseers of the township are in possession of the cottages, and the yearly sum of 15s. is paid out of the poor rates, and distributed according to the donor's intention.

Mr. Artram, it is stated on a tablet in Hope church, left to the poor of Bradwell 12s., to be paid every St. Thomas's day. The yearly sum of 15s. is stated to have been formerly paid by Isaac Morton from a piece of land called the Hinde-tongue's Legge, which had been secured by deed dated 12th September, 1667, but it has been discontinued for a long period; attempts have, been made to recover it, but there seems to be no sufficient evidence to support the claim.

BRADWELL TOWNSHIP.

Post Office, at John Middleton's; letters arrive from Bakewell at 11 a.m., and are despatched at 2.45 p.m.

Ashton Nathaniel Woodroofe, lime burner, Pindale Lime works
 Burgoyne Thos., lead merchant, & smelter, Slag works; h. Leam Hall, Eyam
 Cooper Adam Hill, paper hanger
 Darneley Selina, schoolmistress
 Downing Samuel, stone mason
 Hall and Woodroofe, lime burners
 Hill Abner, clerk
 Howe Samuel, tallow chandler
 Somerset Julia Ann, school

Taylor Joseph Henry, surgeon
 Wilson John, watchmaker

Inns and Taverns.

Bath Tavern, John Maltby
 Bowling Green. William Bramall, sen.
 Bull's Head, Elizabeth Bradwell
 Green Dragon, Benjamin Middleton
 Newburgh Arms, George Bradwell
 Rose & Crown, Clement Morton
 White Hart, Elias Needham

Beerhouses.

Bocking Samuel
 Kenyon William, (and

Farmers (cont)

Goodwin George
 Hall John

Hat Manufactrs.

Howe Thomas
 Middleton Daniel

Shopkeepers.

Bocking Martha

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Revill William

Blacksmiths.

Fearne George
Hall Joseph
Walker Richard

Butchers.

Bocking Samuel
Bradwell Elizabeth
Elliott George
Needham Elias

Farmers.

Ashmore Abraham
Bocking Samuel
Bradwell George
Bramall William
Bramall Wm., jun.
Bramwell Joseph
Burrows Thomas
Elliott George
Fox George

Hall Robt. & Wm.
Hallam John
Hallam Rohert
Hill Abraham
Hill Robert
Hill Thomas
Jeffrey William
Marshall Jacob
Middleton John
Middleton Robert
Middleton Robert
Middleton Robt., jun.
Middleton Thomas
Needham Betty
Needham Robert
Poynton Mary
Shepherdson Wm.
Somerset Benjn.
Somerset Isaac
Somerset Jabez
Swindell Joseph
Wright Martha

Middleton Job
Middleton Robert
Middleton Robert
Middleton Robert

**Joiners and
Wheelwghts.**

Bradwell George
Marshall Jacob
Somerset Benjn.
Somerset Robert

Mine Agents.

Barber Benjamin
Bennett Joseph
Morton Clement

Shoemakers.

Bocking Robert
Dakin Samuel
Evans Johnson
Hill Thomas
Revell William
Stafford Obadiah

Bradwell Martha
Bradwell Thomas
Broadbent Thomas
Cooper Samuel
Evans Robert
Hallam Joseph
Gledhill Mary
Hill Martha
Middleton Elizabeth

Tailors.

Elliott Joseph
Kay John
Kay Thomas

Carriers to Sheffield

Joseph Bramwell,
Tu. and Fri.
Edward Hill,
Tu. and Fri.

Does anyone know the location of the pieces of land mentioned in this extract? I've added some guesses (are they right?) and what about the rest?

Long Meadow Causeway: In the tithe apportionments of 1843 areas 645 and 646 are said to belong to George Bradwell and Robert Hall respectively. The land here is referred to as Meadow Causeway and appears to have been near Cresswell Part Lane.

The Molly Pingle: seems to have been the name of a close in Town Lane.

Moor Hall: May have been where Moorlow Tor is now.

It has not been possible to find any mention of the location of: **Bank Closes, Moor Law and Hinde-tongue Legge.**

Carnival day

We seem to have a good number of volunteers to help put up the gazebo at 10 am on the 31st July and pack it away after. But if you could spare an hour or so during the day to help look after the stall that would be most welcome! Please let us know if you can manage a time slot.

Your library needs you

The fixtures and fittings of the Bradwell Community Library have been installed and books are appearing on the shelves. During August and early September the books will be catalogued with a plan that the library will be opened in later September. After the time of opening is when your help would be appreciated. Rachel Burton is asking for volunteers to spend an occasional 2 hr slot to supervise loaning and returning of books. If you are able to help in this way contact Rachel Burton by email at r.burton47@btinternet.com.